

second end of said second portion of said strap releasably securable to another portion of said outer surface of said back shell for easy accessibility to said on/off switch mechanism.

26. (original) A baseball glove/mitt as recited in claim 24, wherein said first and second portions of said strap are a single, unitary length of strap, a first end thereof fixedly attached to said back shell at a first portion of said back shell located on a first side of said opening and a second end thereof received through a receptacle located at a second portion of said back shell on a second, opposite side of said opening, said second end of said unitary length of strap being releasably securable at said first portion of said back shell.

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 6, 2005 in which the Examiner allowed all of the pending claims of the application, except claim 14. Claims 2-13 and 15-26 are allowed. Claim 14 is rejected as being obvious over Aoki. (US 4,513,450) in view of Moss et al. (US 4,950,868) or Batcheller et al. (US 5,032,705) or Orban et al. (US 4,764,665) under 35USC §103(a).

Applicant has amended claim 14 to include the limitation that the at least one finger stall is attached within the glove/mitt. No new matter is added by this amendment (see at least paragraph 26). By this limitation, the separability of the gloves of the Moss et al., Batcheller et al. and Orban et al. is overcome.

Claim 15 has also been amended to add the term “said” before the recitation of the “at least one finger stall”. This amendment is not made for reasons of patentability, as claim 15 has been allowed by the Examiner, but is made for clarity.

Applicant does not believe any fees are required for this response. However, and in the event there are additional fees due and owing in connection with this matter, the Commissioner is authorized to charge same to our Deposit Account No. 11-0223, which charge may be later contested by applicant.

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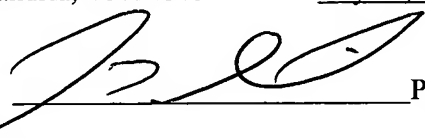
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